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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims ~~4, 7~~ and ~~9-16~~ without prejudice.

- 1 1. (Amended) A combination carabiner and tool device comprising:  
2 a curvilinear body [defining a prolate openable loop] having an elongated handle [region,  
3 an upper loop region and a lower loop region] member with a first end and a second end, an  
4 upper arm member integrally attached at the first end, and a lower arm member integrally  
5 attached to the second end of said handle member;  
6 [said curvilinear body having] an elongated storage slot [portion in] disposed within the  
7 handle [region] member;  
8 [at least one tool] a knife blade pivotally mounted at [one] the first end [to move] of the  
9 handle member, said blade pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot  
10 [portion] and a closed position within the storage slot [portion]; and  
11 a gate element [connected to the curvilinear body in the lower loop region] connecting  
12 said upper arm member and said lower arm member, said gate element being pivotally mounted  
13 to move between an open position and a closed position, wherein the curvilinear body and gate  
14 element [forming a closed loop] define a prolate opening when the gate element is in the closed  
15 position.

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1           2. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2 a locking [mechanism capable of] pin assembly for releasably locking [at least one tool] said  
3 knife blade in the open position.

1           3. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [1] 2, [including a] said  
2 locking pin assembly [comprising] comprises:

3           a head which protrudes through a slot in the body and contacts an elongated shaft;

4           the elongated shaft formed of [two parts,] a lesser diameter shaft portion and a greater  
5 diameter shaft portion;

6           the greater diameter shaft portion having a cross-sectional area sufficient to substantially  
7 fill an arcuate slot in the blade; and

8           a coil spring in contact at a first end with the elongated shaft and at a second end with  
9 the body.

1           4/5. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [4] 1,  
2 wherein [the] said knife blade has a projecting thumb ridge [for manipulation of] to facilitate in  
3 manipulating the knife [in opening and closing relative to the storage slot] blade between the  
4 open position and the closed position.

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at 1 <sup>6</sup> 8. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2 a folding can opener [as a tool] pivotally mounted [in the slot portion] at the first end of the  
3 handle member adjacent said knife blade.

1 <sup>7</sup> 17. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2 an external cutout with a lip in the lower [loop region] arm member for opening capped bottles.

as 1 <sup>8</sup> 18. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1,  
2 [including a locking feature for the] said gate element [when in] includes means for locking the  
3 gate element in the closed position.

Please add the following claims:

1 <sup>9</sup> 19. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including at least  
2 one tool pivotally mounted at the second end of the handle member, said at least one tool  
3 pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot and a closed position within  
4 the storage slot.

b 1 <sup>10</sup> 20. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim <sup>9</sup> 19, wherein said at least  
2 one tool is selected from the group consisting of a knife blade, a can open, a bottle cap opener,  
3 a Phillips screwdriver, a flat head screwdriver, a saw, an Allen wrench, a pair of scissors, a  
4 claw-shaped ripping hook tool, a pair of pliers, and combinations thereof. --